

LOCAL NEWS.

**EXTENSIVE CONFLAGRATION.—FIRE LAR-
BUILDINGS DESTROYED.—FULL PARTICULARS.**—
Yesterday morning, a little before three o'clock,
several young men passing opposite Mr. Henry
C. Purdy's grocery store, on Pennsylvania
avenue, between Third and Fourth and a-half
streets, were somewhat surprised at not seeing
a light burning in that gentleman's store, it
being known to them that such was his custom,
as a matter of precaution, one of them remark-
ing that it was "strange Purdy was not illumi-
nated to-night." They paid no further atten-
tion to the circumstance until they arrived at
the corner of Ninth street, when the alarm of
fire was given. Returning very hastily in that
direction, they discovered that fire was issuing
from the store of Mr. Purdy. The fire spread
very rapidly, there being but few persons about
to render assistance at the commencement of
the fire, communicating to the adjoining build-
ings on either side.

It was first discovered by some gamblers in
a house on the opposite side of the street, who
instantly gave the alarm. In a very short time,
five large buildings were completely wrapped
in flames, and the damage done will probably
not fall short of \$90,000.

The Columbia, Franklin, Perseverance, and
other companies, were soon on the ground, and
rendered all the aid in their power, being as-
sisted in their laudable work by many of our
prominent citizens. Others, too, flocked to ren-
der assistance in any way, freely opened their
purses, and paid for refreshments for those who
did.

When first discovered, the fire had commu-
nicated through several stories of Purdy's build-
ing, and, a few moments afterwards, it had
worked its way into the building belonging to
Matthew G. Emery, Esq., and occupied by Mr.
E. Z. Steever, plumber and gas-fitter. From
these it flew thick and fast in all directions,
nearly everything operating to the disadvantage
of those engaged in the effort to save the prop-
erty. On the day before, the Potomac water
had been shut off on Pennsylvania avenue,
from the Navy Yard to Eighth street west, by
order of the Government authorities, leaving
all that portion of the city without the ability
to suppress any conflagration that might occur.
In addition to this, the hose in the possession
of the different fire companies was in such bad
order, that it was constantly breaking, thereby
rendering their efforts powerless to some extent.
A very dense fog was prevailing at the time,
which also prevented the light of the flames
from being seen in distant portions of the city
until they had attained considerable headway.

Companies A and B of the Washington Light
Infantry occupied the fourth story of Purdy's
building as a drill armory, and sustained a loss
of nearly \$1,000, consisting of 120 knapsacks,
about 300 volumes of books, 19 full uniforms,
a large number of pictures, one company flag,
and many other articles. Among them was
a picture of the battle of Yorktown, presented to
the company by the late George Washington
Parke Custis, and the uniform of Harry Sweet-
ing, the first pioneer of the company. There
was also a stand of 50 drill muskets and 250
complete sets of equipments in the armory, all
of which were destroyed. We understand that
it is the intention of the Infantry to give a con-
cert on Thursday night next, for the purpose
of reimbursing their losses. We think the
idea is a good one, and hope it will be liberally
patronized.

The building of the Colonization Society on
the corner of Fourth and a-half street, which has
not yet been completed, was damaged to a
small degree by the smoke and water.

The coach factory of Mr. Thomas Young,
adjoining, was not much injured. Mr. Young
estimates his loss at about \$1,000.

Next to Mr. Thomas Young's coach factory
was the grocery store of Murray & Semmes.
The building was entirely destroyed, but much
of the goods were saved. The building was
insured in the Washington and Firemen's In-
surance Companies for \$5,000—\$2,000 in the
latter and \$3,000 in the former. Their stock
was insured as follows: in the Firemen's,
\$5,000; in the Franklin, \$5,000; and in the
Washington, \$3,000. Total loss, about \$6,000.

Adjoining Murray & Semmes was the coach
factory of Mr. John M. Young, in the old Adelphi
building. Nearly all his stock of carriages,
materials, and unfinished work, were destroyed.
When the fire reached this factory, it had made
such headway that nothing could stop it, al-
though every effort was used by the gallant
firemen that could contribute to that end. The
building and stock, which were valued at about
\$25,000, were entirely destroyed. There was
no insurance whatever.

Messrs. W. H. & O. H. Morrison, booksellers
and stationers, whose store is immediately op-
posite, had stored a large quantity of valuable
books, principally Congressional works and
State Papers, in this building, a portion of
which were saved. The books were insured
for \$1,000 in the Aetna Insurance Company,
Hartford, Connecticut.

Next adjoining was the grocery store of Mr.
Purdy, where the fire was first discovered. The
building was owned by Mr. W. H. Philip, and
was valued at \$11,000. It was insured in the
Aetna Insurance Company (Hartford, Conn.)
for \$5,000, and in the Franklin Insurance
Company of this city for \$3,000. Mr. Purdy's
stock is estimated to be worth \$10,000, upon
which there is an insurance in two of the
Washington companies of \$5,000.

In the second story of this building was Ma-
gee's bowling saloon, in which everything was
lost. The Infantry armory was also in this
building.

E. Z. Steever's plumbing and gas-fitting es-
tablishment was adjoining. He saved most of
his stock, though in a damaged condition. His
loss is covered by insurance. The building,
which is owned by Mr. M. G. Emery, is valued
at \$11,000, upon which there is an insurance
of \$6,000.

Next to this building was the grocery of
William C. Harper. This building is owned
by Mrs. Raphael Semmes, of Georgetown, and
is valued at \$7,500. It is insured in the Po-
tomac Insurance Company, of Georgetown, for
\$4,000. The building was destroyed, together
with the entire stock and a portion of the fur-
niture of Mr. Harper, who was the sole occu-
pant of the house. His loss is about \$4,000,
upon which there is no insurance. Mr. Har-
per's insurance had run out only a few days
before, and it was his intention to have renewed
it on the very day of the fire, business having
been so very dull as to leave him without the
amount sufficient to pay it previous to yester-
day. He had just got in a large stock of goods
on credit. When the fire broke out, Mr. H.
turned his attention towards saving the fur-
niture in the upper part of the house, supposing
that it would catch there first, but the fire broke
through the lower wall very suddenly, leaving
him only time to escape before it fell in.

Adjoining Mr. Harper's store on the west
was the coach factory of Mr. John F. Bridget,
which was greatly damaged. The stock, which
is valued at \$6,500, was insured in the Mutual
Company of this city for \$2,000. The loss
will be about \$1,700. The house, which is
owned by John P. Ingle, Esq., is valued at
\$7,000. It is insured in the Franklin Com-
pany of this city for \$2,000. It is damaged
to the extent of about \$800 or \$900.

The grocery of Mr. J. F. Bickel, next ad-
joining, was considerably damaged by water,

but not sufficiently to compel a suspension of
business.

Mr. J. F. Baumgarten, engraver, who had
his shop in the upper part of one of the build-
ings destroyed, lost a considerable amount in
materials, &c.

The firemen worked nobly, notwithstanding
the many disadvantages they were laboring
under. They all seemed to act together with
the greatest harmony.

When Mr. Purdy reached his store, after the
alarm had been given, he found that it was on
fire in five or six different places. The safe
had been broken open, and about \$600 taken
therefrom. It is supposed the store was en-
tered from the rear door. A large quantity of
straw and other inflammable material was
found piled against the rear end of the house,
and burning when the door was broken open.

Yesterday afternoon, some of the front walls,
which had been left standing, were pulled
down, to prevent any one being injured by
them.

PARADE POSTPONED.—The parade and drill
of the National Rifles, which was to have taken
place yesterday afternoon, is postponed until
Saturday next.

ANOTHER FIRE.—Last night, about seven
o'clock, a large barn on the farm of Mr. W. J.
Stone, sen., just beyond the city limits, on the
Fourteenth street road, was entirely consumed
by fire. It was thought to be the work of an
incendiary.

FESTIVAL.—The Island Baptist Church Festi-
val, conducted by the young ladies of the
church and congregation, during this week, at
Thorn's building, we are happy to say, has re-
ceived a liberal share of patronage. Those
friends who were anxious to enjoy the pleasure
and blessing of the cheerful gift, yet were de-
tained last evening by the inclemency of the
weather, will be received with no less cordiality
this evening. What nobler enterprise can a
person engage in than helping those who are
endeavoring earnestly to help themselves.

SMITHSONIAN LECTURE.—The second lecture
of Prof. Rogers' course was delivered last
evening, at the Smithsonian. The exceedingly
inclement state of the weather prevented a
full house, which he deserved, and would most
assuredly have had.

We consider Prof. R. one of the best public
lecturers, and predict for him a brilliant future.
His theme, roads, the most difficult subject
with which to interest a popular audience, was
discussed in that familiar yet clear manner
which peculiarly characterizes the real teacher.

THE FIREMEN FOR THE UNION.—In these
times, the people of every class are omitting
no opportunity for showing their devotion to
the Union. After the fire yesterday morning,
the firemen gave three hearty cheers for the
Union, and were offering ten dollars for any
one who could find a disunionist.

ATTACKED.—A young man was attacked on
Capitol Hill, on Tuesday night, as he was on
his way home, by two persons, one of whom
struck at him with a slung shot. He chased
one of them to his residence, where, upon being
overhauled, he stated that he had been mis-
taken in the man. Shouldn't wonder! The
other escaped.

ROBBERY AND ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.—Shortly
after ten o'clock on Tuesday night, as Justice
Johnson was on his way home, he noticed that
the shutter of Mr. Samst's auction and com-
mission store, on Seventh street, below E, had
been broken open and entrance effected. The
thieves had taken away two revolvers, one gold
and one silver watch, and several other articles
of jewelry, amounting in value, all told, to up-
wards of \$100. After taking possession of these
articles, the burglars attempted to set fire to
the house, by placing a lighted candle under
a box of light articles, which, fortunately, went
out before it had time to communicate with
anything inflammable.

An attempt was also made on Lammond's
fancy and toy store, by prying at the front and
back doors, which, however, proved unsuccess-
ful.

ALTERED.—The *Intelligencer* and the *States*
and *Union* have both reduced the size of their
respective sheets.

A ROBBERY.—It was currently reported
around town yesterday, and believed by a con-
siderable number, that twenty kegs of powder
had been placed under the Capitol, for the
purpose of blowing it up. Those who were
gullible enough to swallow such a tale became
considerably excited over it, but most of those
who heard it regarded it merely as a hoax. It
is well that the large crowds assembled to hear
Mr. Baker speak did not hear of it until after
the Senate had adjourned.

AN ARTILLERY COMPANY FOR ALEXANDRIA.
A preliminary meeting of numerous citizens of
Alexandria was held on New Year's day, at
Catt's Tavern, West End, for the purpose of
forming a new artillery company. A commit-
tee was appointed to enrol members.

The Alexandria *Gazette* has just entered upon
its sixty-second year. We hope that sixty-two
years to come may still find it in existence, as
conservative and entertaining as ever.

SLEPPED DOWN.—About noon yesterday, a
horse attached to a wagon, in coming out of an
alley on the south side of Pennsylvania avenue,
between Fourth and a-half streets, slipped
on the ice and fell. There was considerable
trouble in getting him on his feet again, and
he was considerably injured in the attempt.

CRIMINAL COURT.—In this court, yesterday,
William Robinson, charged with an assault and
battery on Charles Osborn, submitted his case,
and was fined \$8 and costs.

Michael Brannan, charged with an assault and
battery on William Tracy, was placed on trial,
and found not guilty.

CENTRAL GUARDHOUSE.—Before Justice
Thompson.—Wednesday morning.—Jas. Cro-
psey, charged with stealing towels, sheets, and
other articles, was committed for a further ex-
amination. B. Crampton, drunk and disorderly,
fined \$2.94. A. Male and W. Lancaster,
free negroes, drunk and disorderly, paid respect-
ively \$2.94 and \$3.34. Thomas Haglan and
Michael Brannan, charged with stealing twenty-
four sets of jewelry from T. Harvey, were com-
mitted for a further hearing. John F. Mas-
son, colored, and Eliza Conley, drunk and disor-
derly, committed to the workhouse for thirty
days.

POLICE MATTERS.—Before Justice Dunn.—
A man who called himself Joseph Condit, to-
gether with a colored man named Peter
French, were arrested by Officers Gill, Lloyd,
and Bretzel, having been caught in the act of
fighting, profanity, and disorderly conduct.
They were each fined \$3.27. While the trial
was progressing, Officer Allen recognised Con-
dit as an old offender, whose real name was
Patrick O'Donnell, and who some six months
ago had severely beaten a man named Patrick
Malqueen with a hay-fork, leaving him for
dead, and has ever since been "kicking about
under an alias. Allen produced Malqueen, who
identified him as the man long sought after.
He was committed to jail for the Criminal
Court. Subsequently a man named Edward
Dillon appeared, and also recognised him as

the man for whom he had procured a warrant
on Saturday last, for committing an unprovoked
assault and battery on him in the street.
He was also committed for said offence.

**BY GREEN & WILLIAMS, Auctioneers,
No. 526 Seventh street.**

HOUSEHOLD AND KITCHEN FURNITURE
at Auction. On Monday, the 7th inst., at
11 o'clock, at the residence of a gentleman de-
clining housekeeping, on Sixth street, between
M and N streets north, viz:

One Walnut Suite, consisting of Sofas, Easy and
Side Chairs.
Walnut Marble-top Centre Table.
Walnut What-Not, Ottomans, and Tables.
Walnut Dressing Bureau, Wash-stands, and
Bedsteads.

Hall Rack, Wardrobes, and Foot Stools.
Rush, cane seat, and other Chairs.
Walnut Extension-Table (full leaf).
One fine painted Cottage Set.

Brussels, Ingrain, Venetian, and other Carpets.
Hair, Cotton-top, and Husk Mattresses.
Stair-Rods, Rugs, Oil-Cloth, Mats, and Shades.
Feather Pillows, Bolsters, and Beds.
Knives, Plated Forks, Tea and Table Spoons.
Blankets and Comforts (double and single).
Nearly new Cook and other Stoves.

China, Glass, and Crockery Ware.
A large lot of Kitchen requisites, and many
other articles too numerous to enumerate.

TERMS.—All sums of and under \$40, cash;
over \$40, a credit of thirty and sixty days, for
approved endorsed notes, bearing interest.

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j3-21 (Star & Con.) Auctioneers.

**DR. JOHN G. F. HOLSTON, Surgeon, Physi-
cian, and Accoucher, No. 373 E. st. north,
between Ninth and Tenth sts. west. Jan 3—3m**

NOTICE OF COPARTNERSHIP.

The public are respectfully informed that I
have this day associated with me, in copartner-
ship, WASHINGTON B. WILLIAMS, in the Furniture,
Auction, and Commission Business. The firm
will be conducted in the name of GREEN & WILLIAMS.

All persons having claims against the subscri-
ber will please present their accounts for settle-
ment; and all those indebted to me, are most
respectfully requested to come forward and settle
their accounts. A. GREEN.
Jan. 1, 1869.

NOTICE.

Having entered into a copartnership with A.
GREEN, in the House-Furnishing, Auction, and
Commission Business, under the name and style
of GREEN & WILLIAMS, I hope my friends, and
the public in general, will give us a share of their
patronage, as I assure them no pains will be
spared with the business entrusted to our care.
Jan. 1, 1869. W. B. WILLIAMS.
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ATTENTION NO. 51. The Members of Pe-
regrine Fire Company (No. 5) are hereby
notified that the regular monthly meeting will
be held this (Thursday) night, the 3d instant, at
7 o'clock. The election of officers will take
place, and other business of great importance
will be brought before the meeting.
j3-11* GEO. FLETCHER, Secretary.

PROVISION STORE.

MRS. C. OCKSTADT, 470 Ninth street, be-
tween D and E streets, informs the public that
she is prepared to supply them with Meat,
Vegetables, and articles used in the preparation
of soups, of good quality and at low prices.
dec 24

**W. KRZYANOWSKI,
Seventh Street Grocery Depot,
383 Seventh street, (under Dorsey's Hotel.) "Sign
of the Platen," Washington, D. C.**

**CROCKERY, Glass, Cutlery, Coal-Oil Lamps,
Kerosene and Coal Oil, at lowest prices.**
nov 26

THE ROYAL TURKISH TOWELS.

Bathing Sponges, Velvet Sponges, Bath
Gloves.
Brown Windsor Soap, Honey Soaps.
Lubin's Soaps and Extracts.
Genuine German Cologne, all sizes, wick-
ers and plain bottles.
Bazin's Soaps and Extracts.
Phalon's Soaps and Extracts.
Pomades of all kinds.
Hair Tonics, &c.
With a full assortment of new Perfumery.
Hair Brushes, Combs, Tooth Brushes.
Fresh Medicines, Pure Chemicals, &c.
Just received at
New Drug Store, 350 Penn. Av.
Congress, Empire, Saratoga, Bedford, Blue
Lick, and White Sulphur Waters, always on
hand, as above. dec 3—

FOR RENT.

A TWO-STORY Brick House, No. 327 G
street, containing twelve and thirteen
rooms, containing seven rooms. Possession
given immediately. Apply at this office.
dec 22

WANTED.

In a small private family, a woman to do the
general housework. Must be a good cook,
washer, and ironer, and bring the best of refer-
ences as to character and capacity. Apply at
247 Pennsylvania avenue, above Twelfth street.
jan 1—31

HAMS! HAMS!!

HAVE in store Maryland New HAMS, sugar-
cured, prepared for family use.

JESSE B. WILSON,
327 Pa. av., between Sixth and Seventh
streets, south side.
nov 26

HENRY JANNEY,

No. 348 Pennsylvania avenue, between Sixth and
Seventh streets, Washington, D. C.,
MANUFACTURER OF GENTLEMEN'S
FASHIONABLE BOOTS & SHOES,
AS at all times a sufficient force of the most
experienced hands to make promptly to or-
der every variety of work in his line. He has on
his shelves a very good supply of work of his own
make. Also, a general supply of Northern work,
direct from the Manufacturers, as well as from
this or any other city can supply, WHOLE-
SALE or RETAIL, at lower rates. nov 26

GEORGETOWN ADVERTISEMENTS.

Mr. H. O. Reaver is our authorized agent for
Georgetown. Subscriptions and advertisements
for this paper can be left at Barnard's Drug
Store, corner of Bridge and High streets.

PROTECTION.

"Now let those tans who are not insured before,"
and those who are, let them insure the more.

The Potomac Fire Insurance Company
of Georgetown, D. C.,
CHARTERED BY CONGRESS, 1831.
STOCKHOLDERS PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE.

The Stockholders and Directors embrace many
of the most wealthy and respectable citizens
of this District.

JOHN MARRURY, President.
HENRY KUNT, Secretary.

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Office and residence No. 51 North A street,
Capitol Hill. Box 454, City Post Office. Orders
attended to immediately. Losses paid promptly.
Care for home, and home will care for us.
nov 26

DR. W. P. McCONNELL,
SURGEON DENTIST, continues his operations
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one door east of the St. Charles Hotel, where he
will be pleased to have a call from all persons
desiring anything done in his line of business.
nov 30

MERCHANT TAILORING.

The advertiser respectfully invites the atten-
tion of his friends and the public in general to
his new stock of

Cloths, Cassimeres, and Vestings.

He has always on hand goods suitable for the
season, which he would be pleased to make up
to order on as liberal terms as any other estab-
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E. M. DREW, Agent,
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nov 26

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A CERTAIN CURE for Coughs, Colds, Affec-
tions of the Throat and Lungs. A trial
will make every one its friend. It being agreeable
to take, and certain to cure. Price 50 cents.

For sale by Messrs. Gilman, Stott, Clark,
Wright, Nairn, Ford, Kidwell, Thompson, Ridge-
ly, Moore, Major, &c. nov 26

**GREAT BARGAINS AT THE PEOPLE'S
CLOTHING STORE,**

No. 406 Seventh street, near E.

I AM now offering my large stock of Clothing,
Furnishing Goods, Hats, and Caps, at re-
markably low prices, in order to decrease my
lost stock.

N. B. All persons in want of Clothing and
Furnishing Goods will find it greatly to their
advantage to give me a call, as I am determined
to sell lower than any other house in town.
Don't forget the name and number.

J. H. SMITH, Clothier,
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NEW MESS MACKEREL, &c., &c.

5 Barrels New No. 1 Mess Mackerel.

20 Barrels Large New No. 1 Mackerel.

100 Halves, Quarters, and Eighths Barrels New
Mess and No. 1 Mackerel.

5,000 pounds Large Fat Codfish.

5 tierces No. 1 Salmon.

25 kits No. 1 S. I. moun.

50 boxes Scaled Herrings.

200 Barrels No. 1 - Job's Alewives.

200 Barrels No. 1 Gibbed Herring.

For sale by E. E. WHITE & CO.,
No. 63 Louisiana avenue, bet. Sixth
and Seventh streets, opposite Bank
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391 Penn. av., between Fourth
and a-half and Sixth sts.,
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DRUGGISTS, Grocers, and Liquor Dealers,
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Restaurant, No. 348 C street, between Fourth
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Refreshments of all kinds. Also, the finest
Oysters, in every style; French, Hungarian,
Rhein, and Moselle Wines, Champagne, Bol-
linger, Mumm, and Heideick, with the best of
other Liquors. nov 30

NOTICE!

I WISH all gentlemen to bear in mind that the plan which I
adopted, six years ago, of selling
HATS and BOOTS at greatly reduced prices, for
cash, is in successful operation. Just received,
a full supply of the latest New York styles of
DRESS HATS. The very finest Hat at \$3.50;
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Hat, \$2.50. All of the latest styles of soft HATS
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nov 26

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Encourage Home Production.

LAMPBLACK of all qualities, and packed in
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ROOFING PITCH & ROOFING FELT,

FOR GRAVEL ROOFS.

And also used for slate and tin roofs. Manu-
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Notary Public, Commissioner of the Court of
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Attorney for business in the several Depart-
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of Claims, and the Courts in the several States
and Territories; and also to act as Counselor
and Attorney for business before the different
Departments of Government.

Deeds, Wills, and other Writings, prepared,
and Acknowledgments taken.
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posite the Post Office and Patent Office.
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Fine Old Whisky.

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10 barrels superior old Bourbon do.

5 barrels Gibson's XXXX old rye do.

10 do. do. XXX do.

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